

Today's Program

Olivia Chow, The Honourable Member of Parliament for Trinity-Spadina

Topic

Building on Pauline Hill's Legacy

Location

Ontario Room, The Fairmont Royal York



In a political career that began in 1985, Olivia Chow has been one of Toronto's most effective leaders on the Board of Education, at Toronto City Hall, in Parliament, and on the national stage.

Olivia was born in Hong Kong in 1957 and grew up in Toronto. She studied philosophy and art. She worked as a college professor, an English as Second Language teacher, a counselor for new immigrants and a sculptor. She won her first election in 1985 and served on the Toronto Board of Education for six years.

First elected to Parliament as MP for the riding of Trinity-Spadina in 2006, Olivia has won re-election twice. Olivia is currently the Official Opposition Transport and Infrastructure Critic. Her bill on a National Transit Strategy is widely celebrated by mayors and municipalities from coast to coast to coast.

The Two Row Wampum: Our First Treaty Aboriginal Service Committee

— by John Andras



The Aboriginal Service Committee has as one of its mandates education. As we struggle toward Truth and Reconciliation, it is important that our Rotary members be informed on some of the historic underpinnings of the ongoing discussion between our First Peoples and the rest of Canada. This past June forty-three "Ordinary Canadians," including Rotarians Peter Love and John Andras, traveled north to the remote fly-in first nation of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI).

Lynn Porter and Alice Williams of the Kawartha Truth and Reconciliation Support Group brought a loom, rawhide and beads to produce a re-creation of the Two Row Wampum, the original treaty document between European immigrants to the North America, and its aboriginal inhabitants.

Over 90 travelers and KI residents, men, women, elders and children, learned the story of the first treaty which was enacted 400 years ago this October.

This treaty was established between the Dutch and the Haudenosannie People in what is now upstate New York. The Two Row Wampum consists of two rows of purple beads against a background of three rows of white beads. The purple beads represent a canoe and a Dutch ship travelling down the river of life together, equal but never touching. The 3 white stripes represent peace and friendship. The treaty is in effect as long as the sun shines, as long as the waters flow and as long as the grass grows green.

The wording of the first treaty was still used on treaties signed well into the last century. The words of the Two Row Wampum were reflected in the Treaty the Federal Government made with the people of KI in 1929. It too was a treaty built on friendship and sharing. The KI flag has a row of yellow, blue and green representing the enduring promise of the Government to the First Peoples.



A Two Row Wampum

As guests we added a row on to our Two Row Wampum, though we were not able to finish it by the end of our visit. That was good and right, for our treaty making in Canada remains unfinished. I hope, someday, that I will travel to KI and tie the last knot. For then our wampum—our treaty making—will be complete and we can look upon each other as equals and share this beautiful land in peace and friendship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Foundation Walk

Sun, October 6, 2013 in Newmarket



President
Richard White

Join President Richard White for this historical walk

Every year Rotarians from District 7070 gather for a historical walk through one of our great towns and cities. Money raised at this event goes to The Rotary Foundation to support our good works around the world. Some money comes back to our district to match funds raised by our clubs for local and global grants. Join or support President Richard White as proud club members celebrate together with Rotarians from throughout our district. Support our goal of Every Rotarian, Every Year. For more details

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OctoberFest Beer Tasting Event

On Wednesday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m., plan to be at “the Bistro” of the BierMarkt, 58 The Esplanade, (corner of The Esplanade and Church Street) to join us for the OctoberFest Beer Tasting Event. The Cost is only forty-five dollars!

The month of October offers “Octoberfest” events around the world. But do you know enough about beer to enjoy it fully? What is the difference between pilsner, ale, wheat beer and a double fermented specialty brew? How do top fermented and bottom fermented yeast beers differ and what do they taste like?

This October we’ll highlight the golden brew of beer, as the old Egyptians already did more than six thousand years ago. They called it “barley wine.”

If you would like to stay on, the BierMarkt offers an elaborate dinner menu as well. But that will be on your own account! We have only 24 seats available for this event. So sign up fast. Skål!

Into The Future

District Conference, October 25-27, 2013, Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville

Join Governor Valarie Wafer for our annual conference at one of Ontario’s premier resorts. Enjoy golf, fall colours and participation in a full range of breakout sessions. Discover what your fellow district members are doing to make this a better world. Fabulous speakers and entertainment will round out a wonderful event. Get full details and register on the District website: www.rotary7070.org. While there, check out the full range of information available on our district’s updated website. See you there!

World Wine Tour: A Cornucopia of Cabernet

– by Steve Smith



On Thursday, November 7, 2013, from 6 pm to 8:30 the RCT World Wine Tour will once again take place. This time we explore the red grape varietal Cabernet Sauvignon.

This one’s for red wine lovers only. We’ll tour the world, sampling expressions of this iconic varietal. What are the impacts of terroir on the grape? How are vinification differences expressed in wine style? Which do you prefer?

To answer these questions, we’ll walk through several regions (both old world and new world), all Cabernet, all the time. Don’t worry - we tell you where the wines come from! We’ll discuss the differences, what notes you detect, what flavours you discern. While we hope you’ll learn something new about one of your favourite wines, this is meant as a fun evening of discovery.

A sumptuous feast, provided by the outstanding culinary team at the National Club, will accompany our wine tasting. The cost is \$ 95.00 per person, which includes all wines and your meal.

Santa Needs a Few Contacts

Every September I send out letters appealing to companies and organizations to help us with items for our Children’s Christmas Party present bag. (The Elves can’t do it all!) As I get a little older each decade, I am in need of new names of people to contact. If you have friends or associates in companies who might be able to help (eg. Coca Cola, MacDonalds, Christie’s) could you please send me an email? Thanks and HOHOHO.

Santa (my email is dongbell@sympatico.ca)



Santa hosting a guest at last year’s Children’s Christmas Party

Rotary Dinner Club

– by Maureen Bird



Club lunches are fun and informative but leave little room for socializing. What better place to learn more about your Rotary colleagues than around a table with good food and libations!!

The Rotary Dinner Club is an opportunity for you to do just this. It has been in action for many years and much fun has been had by so many.

The process is that you host one dinner and are invited to two others. But you can also invite others, from inside Rotary or not. Maureen Bird is preparing the schedule so please contact her at 905-337-8980 or maureen.bird@sympatico.ca if you are interested so that you can be included. All are welcome.



The Speaker's "Platform:" Perspective from an Esteemed Past President



Neil Phillips

At a past Robbie Burns' Day lunch I was intrigued by the reference to past discussions on the "rostrum versus podium" debate. To satisfy my own curiosity, I decided the matter required a little more investigation. Herewith are the results.

Rostrum: From the middle 16th Century. A platform or stand for speakers in the Forum of ancient Rome, decorated with beak-heads of captured warships. Thus derived from Latin rostrum, or beak, of a bird. So not sure this one fits, unless it's an especially contentious lunch, in Rome.

Pulpit: A raised structure consisting of an enclosed platform, usually in a church or chapel, from which a preacher delivers a sermon. Or a place from which something of the nature of a sermon, as a moral lecture, is delivered. Well now – I'll reserve comment, but don't think this fits most lunches.

Podium: From the middle 18th Century. A raised platform surrounding the arena in an ancient amphitheatre. Amended slightly in later years: a raised platform or dais at the front of a hall or stage; specifically one occupied by the conductor of an orchestra. Now this one might be closer to the mark at times . . . but still not quite what we need.

Lectern: A stand or desk, usually with a sloping top or front that can hold open a book, notes, et cetera. Or, a speaker's gift, perchance? Bingo – this is it!

So all in all, I think lectern wins! Though perhaps that may depend on the speaker, hmm?

Toronto International Microfinance Summit

This year marks the fifth anniversary of the Toronto International Microfinance Summit, Canada's premier microfinance event. Since inception, our goal has been to shine the light on education and issues in microfinance, a fast-growing poverty reduction tool. The conference will be held on October 5 at the Allstream Centre.

Our theme this year is Microfinance: Catalyst for Change. The morning keynote will be presented by the Honourable Bob Rae. For more information go to:

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3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

October 2013

- 4 Nicholas Gunz, Military Historian. "The Battle that Nobody Won: Intelligence Failure at Jutland 1916"
- 11 No meeting, Thanksgiving Weekend
- 18 Joe Dale and Mark Wafer. "Employment Opportunities for the Disabled"
- 25 Honorable Lloyd Axworthy, President, University of Winnipeg

November 2013

- 1 Wendy Leaver, Detective, Toronto Police Service. "Domestic Human Trafficking"
- 8 Brigadier General Fred Lewis, Joint Task Force Central Command

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

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CAMBODIA SWEAT EQUITY

The Centennial recipient of \$100,000 from the International Service Committee is Bakong Technical College in Siem Reap, Cambodia as envisioned by a killing fields survivor, Ronnie Yimsut. Ronnie has been to our club twice. The building phase is now almost complete after four years of work.

On November 10th the first of two sweat equity teams is heading that way to be there for the official opening on November 25th. There is still room for more participants in the first group.

YOU CAN HELP! Donations will help furnish the school and pay tuition and teacher salaries. Consider donations as a Christmas gift in the name of a child or grandchild. \$30 buys a chair. \$150 is a sewing machine. \$300 is a year's tuition. Cheques are payable to Canadian Landmine Foundation. See Chris Snyder or Maureen Bird for more information about donations.

What You Missed September 20, 2013

– by Geoffrey Cobham



For those of you who missed it, last Friday's luncheon was the last of the summer.

Reflecting upon the events of this past season, and in particular his time spent as ad hoc President on August 23rd, Steve Smith delighted the crowd with an inside joke and again faced the Canadian flag prior to speaking to the attendees – this time as an announcer.

All joking aside, Mr. Smith announced that a World Wine Tour will be held at the National Club on November 7th, when Neil Phillips will tell us everything we wanted to know about cabernet sauvignons. The cost will be \$95 per person, and you are encouraged to look for it in the upcoming club-runner email.

Rafael Lopez Monsalvo presented the club with a Rotary banner he received while recently in Mexico.

We were honoured to hear Lt. General Yvan Blondin, Commanding Officer, Royal Canadian Air Force, speak.

He was introduced by Garrick Gnai. It was fascinating to hear about the many initiatives being undertaken by the RCAF. Employing over 17,000 people and conducting approximately 1,200 search-and-rescue operations a year, it is apparent that the RCAF is much more than a military operation, and that it plays a vital role in Canadian society. Moving forward, the RCAF strives to continuously improve and is presently seeking to add virtual training by way of simulators, which is expected to save millions of dollars and reduce RCAF's carbon footprint and the wear-and-tear on equipment. Developing strategies to assist Canada in its development of the Arctic are also being explored, and the aerospace industry has been invited to provide input on that initiative.

In conclusion, Lt. General Blondin was kind enough to answer a few questions, and in the fine tradition of the RCAF, he kept time with military precision and certainly did not “drone-on”, although he did discuss drones.

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